UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARY MILLER, DANIEL MILLER, EUGENE RANDOLPH and EUGENE MAZZIO,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ANTHONY J. ANNUCCI, Acting
Commissioner, NYSDOCCS, JAMES A.
O'GORMAN, Acting Deputy Commissioner,
THOMAS GRIFFIN, Superintendent,
and Lieutenant J. Gould,
Greenhaven Correctional Facility,
ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, LLC,
E-FORD COMMISSARY, INC., JACK L.
MARCUS, INC., KEEFE COMMISSARY
NETWORK, LLC, PLATINUM EMPIRE
UNLIMITED, D.B.A. JUST RIGHT PACKACES,
MUSIC BY MAIL, INC., UNION SUPPLY
GROUP, INC., WALKENHORST'S, INC., and
WALMART STORES, INC.

COMPLAINT

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Jury Trial Demanded

Defendants.

INTRODUCTION

This is a pro se civil rights action filed by an inmate's family member, and 3 inmates at Green Haven Correctional Facility. The purpose of this action is to redress the violations of the Dormant Commerce Clause of the Constitution and Equal Protection violations stemming from a revised policy for inmate packages in the New York State Department of Corrections & Community Supervision ("NYSDOCCS").

The plaintiffs contend that the new package rules violate the Dormant Commerce Clause by restricting trade, and that the agreements by and between the "approved" vendors and NYSDOCCS

violate the NYS General Business law by price gouging, deceptive business practices and unlawful restraint of trade. The plaintiffs further contend that the new policies violate equal protection under the state and federal constitutions by targeting low income and minority families.

The inmate-plainiffs, who are all disabled persons with sorious medical conditions, contend that the new package regulations subject them to immediate and irreparable harm, and serious physical injury.

plaintiffs are suing for declaratory judgment, preliminary and permanent injunction and money judgement.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Jurisdiction over civil rights cases arises under Original Jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1343, and "federal question" jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 2. Jurisdiction arises for multi-district litigation under "diversity jurisdiction" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332.
- 3. Jurisdiction over NVS Constitution and NXS law claims related to federal claims arises under supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 2. Substantial acts alleged arose in the Southern District of New York and venue is therefore proper.

PARTIES

A. PLAINTIFFS:

5. plaintiff MARY MILLER at all times alleged was and is a U.S. Citizen, NYS Resident, and family member of DANIEL MILLER, an inmate confined in the NYSDOCCS at Green Haven.

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- and is an inmate confined in the NYSDOCCS, at Green Haven.
- 6. Plaintiff EUGENE RANDOLPH, at all times alleged, was and is an African-American inmate, confined in the NYSDOCCS at Green Haven.
- 8. Plaintiff EUGENE MAZZIO, at all times alleged, was and is an inmate confined in the NYSDOCCS, at Green Haven.

B. DEFENDANTS:

- pefendant ANTHONY J. ANNUCCI ("ANNUCCI"), at all times alleged, was and is the Acting Commissioner of the MYSDOCCS responsible for policy-making and day-to-day operations of the department and all facilities. He is responsible for promulgating all departmental directives. He is sued in his official and individual capacities.
- times alleged, was and is the Acting Debuty Commissioner for Correctional Facilities. We is also responsible for promulgating policies and directives affecting the day-to-day operations of MYSDOCCS facilities. He is sued in his official and individual capacities.
- 11. Defendant THOMAS CRIFFIN, at all times alleged, was and is the Superintendent of Greenhaven Correctional Facility. As such he is responsible for approving or amending all discretionary policies which affect the institution he is responsible for the day-to-day operation of. We is sued in his official and individual capacities.
- 12. Defendant LIBUTENANT J. COULD, at all times alleged, was and is a Correctional Lieutenant in Greenhaven

Correctional Facility. Upon information and belief, he is a watch commander responsible to insure policies and procedures are enforced in accordance with federal, state and local law. He is sued in his individual capacity.

- 13. Defendant ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, LLC, at all times alleged, upon information and belief, was and is a Limited Liability Corporation duly organized and existing as such under the laws of the State of New York.
- alleged, upon information and belief, was and is a foreign corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, conducting business as such under the laws of the laws of the State of New York.
- times alleged, upon information and belief, was and is a Limited Liability Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, and conducting business as a foreign corporation under the laws of the State of New York.
- times alleged, upon information and belief, was and is a foreign corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and is conducting business as JUST RIGHT PACKAGES as a foreign corporation under the laws of the State of New York.
- 17. Defendant WALMART STORES, INC., at all times alleged, upon information and belief, was and is a foreign

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corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas, and is conducting business as such under the laws of the State of New York.

18. Upon information and belief, all foreign corporations were and are duly registered as such with the Secretary of State, State of New York, Division of Corporations.

FACTS

- plaintiff MARY MILLER is an 86 year old disabled stroke victim and widow living on a fixed income, and is plaintiff DAMIEL MILLER's main source of support. She is a Senior citizen and is only able to send food packages by comparative shopping, use of coupons, senior citizen and other discounts. Most of her purchases come from bargain stores such as TARGET, FAMILY DOLLAR, WALMART and COSTCO.
- 20. Absent these substantial discounts, she is unable to send packages to her son.
- 21. EUCEME RANDOLPH has his support from his son's grandmother, also an 86 year old disabled widow who shops in bargain stores with coupons and senior citizen discounts. Absent these discounts she would be unable to send packages to RUGENE. She is also an African-American.
- 22. EUGENE MAZZIO, DANIEL MILLER and EUGENE RANDOLPH are all over 50 years old, confined in wheelchairs, suffering from different health ailments, including diabetes and heart problems.
- 23. EUGENE MAZZIO and DANIEL MILLER are morbidly obese and due to their health conditions are required to follow specific diets approved by either the American Heart Association, or American Diabetic Association respectively. EUGENE RANDOLPE

follows a special diet as well.

- 24. The NYSDOCCS maintains a diet consisting mainly of SOY products, and large amounts of carbohydrates.
- 25. The NYSDOCCS facilities are also primarily located in North, Central and Western New York, in the Adirondack and Catskill mountain areas where the cold temperatures are extreme.
- 26. The new policies with respect to packages removed clothing items such as hooded sweatshirts, scarves and belts, and blankets and sheets and towels.
- 27. The NYSDOCCS does not provide adequate clothing or blankets offering sufficient protection from the extreme termperatures.
- 28. Even with additional layers of protection inmates have suffered frost bite.
- 29. This season especially, the flu vaccine has proven effective on only 10% of the Influenze Virus Strains. Even assuming one has been vaccinated, he remains succeptible to at least 90% of the influenza viruses.
- 30. The Pneumonia vaccines do not fare much better and only protects inmates from up to 5 types of the multiple pneumatic viruses.
- 31. The removal of protective clothing and blankets is crucial leaving plaintiffs unprotected from the cold and the elements.
- 31. With respect to food products the new policy limits the amount of food each package to 3 pounds. Formerly, an

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inmate could receive up to 2 packages for a total of 35 bounds. That way, shipping was paid only once or at most twice. Under the new policy, shipping would have to be paid 5 to 6 times, which is about an 80% increase in shipping costs from \$6-\$12, up to \$60-\$80.

- 32. The new policy also prohibits fresh vegetables and fruits.
- 33. In past years the clinical research proves that the NYSDOCCS SOY based diet is harmful.
- 34. There is no availability in NYSDOCCS commissary to burchase fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 35. Obesity and diabetes is at the highest rate in recorded history in NYSDOCCS facilities, and the commissary is filled with high concentrated sweets and salt cured, preservative food products.
- 36. The proposed APPROVED vendors and the new policy will offer only a slightly larger variety of the very same high sugar concentrated and salted prepackaged foods.
- 37. Due to the new policies health choices are out the window, and place the plaintiffs in an increased risk of diabetic ketoacidosis and heart attacks and strokes.
- 38. The costs of the foods and other products to the family members and to the inmates, plaintiffs included, is approximately 50% higher than available in bargain stores.
- 39. This targets low income families, particularly minorities which dominate over 65% of the NYS prison population.
- 40. Moreover, the agreements by and between NYSDOCCS and the other approved vendors (other than WALMART) violate the

Dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution, the Fourteenth Amendment and NYS Constitution with respect to Equal Protection.

- 41. The agreements further violate the price gouging, illegal restraint of trade and deceptive business practices sections of the New York General Business Law.
- 42. Further, in 2010, NYSDOCCS and WALMART entered into an agreement whereby WALMART would be a preferred vendor, with the stipulation that WALMART would not merchandise directly to inmates.
- 43. This agreement by and between WALMART and NYSDOCCS not only violates the commerce statutes, but constitutes discrimination and equal protection violations as well.
- 44. Upon information and belief, several of the "approved" vendors are owned and operated by former correction staff, and have unjustly enriched O'GORMAN and others with kickbacks, and other items of pecuniary value in exchange for the contracts.
 - 45. The contracts violate both state and federal law.
- remedies only applicable to the inmates, not MARY MILLER, grievances were filed on December 1, 2017, and never answered. I have attached hereto copies of the grievances. No appeal lies for a grievance which has not been answered or acknowledged under Directive.
- 47. In addition, DANIEL MILLER filed complaint letters, and in return received a misbehavior report in

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retaliation for filing same, which also violates the First Amendment right to petition for redress of Grievances.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES

- 48. The new package policy, Directive 4911A, violates the Dormant Commerce Clause, Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, and the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution for Equal Protection, all to plaintiffs' damage.
- 49. Directive 4911A violates the NYS Constitution, and General Business Law, all to plaintiffs' damage.
- 50. Agreements by and between NYSDOCCS and the "approved vendors" violate Dormant Commerce, Equal Protection and NYS Constitution and General Business Lav, all to plaintiffs' damage.
- 51. The agreement by and between NYSDOCCS and WALMART is discriminatory and violates Equal Protection under federal and State Constitutions.
- 52. The policies and agreements target low income and minority families, all to plaintiffs' damage.
- 53. Plaintiff DANIEL MILLER has suffered retaliation for filing complaints and grievances by GRIFFIN and GOULD, all to his damage.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs request that judgment be entered against defendants as follows:

- A. DECLARATORY JUDGMENT:
- 1. Judgment declaring contracts and agreements by and between NYSDOCCS and approved vendors illegal and unenforceable,

in violation of the MYS and PEDERAL Constitutions, violating the Dormant Commerce Clause, Edual Protection, and General Business Law with respect to price gouging, deceptive business practices and illegal restraint of trade.

- 2. Judgement declaring the contracts or agreements by and between NYSDOCCS and approved vendors targets low income and minority families, and is not racially neutral.
- 3. Judgment declaring agreement by and between WALMART and NYSDOCCS is discriminatory and illegal and unenforceable.

P. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF:

1. Preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining prohibiting and restraining enforcement of Directive 4911A, and any and all agreements or contacts entered into by and between NYSDOCCS and approved vendors.

C. MONEY JUDGMENT:

defendants for compensatory, punitive, nominal and special damages in the sum of \$50,000,000.00 together with interest from December 4, 2017, and costs and disbursements, including reasonable attorneys fees.

D. OTHER RELIEF:

1. For such other and further or different relicf as to the court may seem just, proper and equitable.

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Inwood, New York

December 15, 2017

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Corrections and Community Supervision

ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor

ANTHONY J. ANNUCCI Acting Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Inmate Population

FROM:

James A: O'Gorman, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Correctional Facilities

SUBJECT:

Inmate Packages (Green Haven Correctional Facility)

DATE:

November 29, 2017

The Commissioner has approved Green Haven Correctional Facility to participate in the pilot Secure Vendor Program which is tentatively scheduled to begin on December 4, 2017. Directive #4911A, "Inmate Packages," will be in effect at the start of the pilot program and will replace the existing Directive #4911, "Packages & Articles Sent or Brought to Facilities."

Eight vendors (Aramark Correctional Services, LLC; E-Ford Commissary, Inc.; Jack L. Marcus, Inc.; Keefe Commissary Network, LLC.; Platinum Empire Unlimited Inc. DBA Just Right Packages; Music By Mail, Inc.; Union Supply Group, Inc.; and Walkenhorst's, Inc.) have been approved by the Department to provide packages and articles listed within Directive #4911A. Except for the initial fourteen day grace period, only packages received directly from approved vendors will be permitted in accordance with Directive #4911A. Effective December 4, 2017, under no circumstances will packages be accepted from a visitor or dropped off at the facility.

Eligible inmates will order packages and articles utilizing disbursement forms and ordering forms from the approved vendor's catalogs. Inmate's family members and friends will be able to order packages and articles from the approved vendors via an online/internet web page that will be linked to the Department's home page, mail order catalogs provided by the approved vendors or calling the approved vendors toll free number. The method of payment will be major credit cards, cashier checks or money orders.

Packages for the Family Reunion Program will continue in accordance with Directive #4500; "Family Reunion Program," and the facility's local policy.

The goals of the Department's Secure Vendor Program are to maximize the availability of food and articles for inmates and to have approved vendors offer a variety of items at competitive pricing for inmates, their families and friends; while maintaining security and providing an efficient operation.

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INMATE GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

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If unresolved, you are entitled to a hearing by the Inmate Grievance Resolution Committee (IGRC).

^{*} An exception to the time limit may be requested under Directive #4040, section 701.6(g).

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INMATE GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

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| | Program: UNEMP AM UNEMP PM |
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Daniel Miller · Din No. 15·A·3706 Green Haven Correctional Facility · P.O. Box 4000 · Stormville, NY 12582

September 17, 2017

Via First Class Mail

United States' Attorney's Office
Southern District of New York
Sylvio J. Mollo Building
One St. Andrew's Plaza
New York, NY 10007
Attn: Criminal Division
Bureau Chief
Racketeering & Anti-trust Bureau

Re: Investigation into RICO and Antitrust Violations Green Haven Correctional Facility

Dear Madame or Sir:

I write respectfully seeking that you commence an investigation into the corrupt business practices engaged in by the administrative staff as the Green Haven Correctional Facility. It appears as if the facility is being managed by and through a "pattern of racketeering activity" and through a complex scheme of kick-backs, embezzlement and unjust enrichment.

These RICO, Antitrust and Unjust Enrichment schemes are centered around the monies from the Inmate Liason Committee ("ILC") being mis-appropriated, and used for purposes unrelated to the inmate population. Monies earmarked for inmates' medical care, food, law library supplies and other items are being redirected to increased spending in unnecessary overtime, bonuses and other spending in violation of the established law.

Further, the department is planning a wholesale renovation of the package program, whereas packages will only be accepted from approved vendors. The approval process implicitly denies purchases from Walmart, Target, and other bargain stores. Instead, the only approved vendors are the smaller outfits which have given kick-backs to the decision-makers, in exchange for charging premium prices to the inmates. Indeed, the vendors who are or will be approved are charging between 25% and 50% of the prices for the same items sold by low-cost vendors. This violates commerce and free-trade clauses of the Constitution, creating a situation of price gouging by design, all to the benefit of prison administrators.

Monies allocated to medical supplies and law library supplies are disappearing. These monies are supposed to be allocated from the ILC and vending machine program for the use and benefit of the inmates, not the prison administrators.

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It is therefore requested that you commence an investigation into the creative accounting and internal corruption of the administrators at the Green Haven Correctional Facility. If you do not commence an investigation within the next 30 days, I will be forced to commence an action against you under the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 702, et seq.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL MILLER

cc: Thomas Griffin Superintendent

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Green Haven Correctional Facility
P.O. Box 4000 · Stormville, NY 12582-4000

September 20, 2017

Via First Class Mail

V.P. & General Counsel WALMART CORP. Corporate Legal Department 702 S.W. 8th Street Bentonville, AR 72716

Re: Vendor Agreement between WALMART & NYSDOCCS

Dear Madame or Sir:

This letter is written to advise you that I am considering legal action against WALMART. I am considering legal action due to an agreement by and between WALMART and the New York State Department of Corrections & Community Supervision (hereinafter "NYSDOCCS"). I believe the agreement violates both federal and state anti-discrimination laws as well as the Dormant Commerce Clause to the United States Constitution.

At some point on or after 2010, WALMART, by and through its Institutional Sales Department, entered into an agreement with the NYSDOCCS. Somewhere during the negotiations, it was agreed that in exchange for making most purchases through WALMART and SAM'S CLUB, that WALMART would not accept any orders from inmates, either directly, or through third-parties. My family members discovered this when they attempted to make purchases and ship them directly to me, as opposed to having to pay shipping twiceonce from WALMART to the house, and a second time from the house to the facilty. At first, they overlooked it as just maybe a policy against third-party shipping. However, when they realized that they were able to ship to third-parties other than inmates, they discovered it was only inmates in the NYSDOCCS. the past, they sent me packages at the local correctional facility I was incarcerated in.

At some point in September, my family member contacted your Customer Service Department and Sales Department. It was disclosed—perhaps mistakenly—that there was an agreement between NYSDOCCS and WALMART preventing WALMART from merchandising to inmates, either directly, or through third-parties. This is an unlawful business practice.

First, both state and federal anti-discrimination laws prevent private parties, including companies such as WALMART from refusing to conduct business with persons who form a suspect class. Whether that suspect class is race-based, religion-based, sexual-orientation based or other, is of no moment. Indeed, the anti-discrimination laws reach from disenfranchisement of voters to employment, housing and education of convicted felons.

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Second, the Dormant Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 8, prevents any state agency from promulgating statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances or directives which obstruct or interfere in interstate commerce. Sections 1983 and 1985 of Title 42 of the United States Code permits affected parties to sue not only the state actor, but private actors, corporations included, under the theory of acting in concert with the state actors.

By not allowing the inmates to reap the benefit of WALMART's competetive pricing, your agreement with the NYSDOCCS obstructs and violates the Dormant Commerce Clause. Moreover, your company is discriminating against us as inmates—convicted felons—on the basis of our custodial status. This is unacceptable.

The theory I am operating on is that this illegal agreement was necessary to procure the sales-contract by and between WALMART and NYSDOCCS, and that was the benefit to WALMART. The benefit to NYSDOCCS, is more complicated. NYSDOCCS has an "Approved Vendor List" of smaller companies which are permitted to merchandise directly to inmates. However, the pricing of goods from these smaller companies is so high that it is unaffordable by a good portion of the inmate population. Somewhere in the contract negotiation chain, kickbacks are being given. Also, many of these smaller companies are owned and operated by former correction officers and their families.

By letter dated September 17, 2017, I have asked the United States Department of Justice and United States' Attorney for the Southern District of New York (Anti-Corruption Unit) to look into this matter. In addition to being a corrupt and unfair business practice, it violates numerous laws including anti-trust laws and price-gouging.

Therefore, I am writing to you to advise you that I intend to commence an action to enjoin the agreement by and between WALMART and NYSDOCCS as illegal and unenforceable, and for money damages, if this corrupt and illegal business practice continues. I would appreciate it if you would contact the undersigned as soon as possible and notify me of WALMART's intentions with respect to this matter.

Please be guided accordingly.

cc:

Anthony J. Annucci Acting Commissioner NYSDOCCS 1220 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12226 Very truly yours,

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DANIEL MILLER

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cc:

Eric M. Schneiderman NYS Attorney General Public Corruption Unit Department of Law The Capitol Albany, NY 12224

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Southern District of New York
Sylvio J. Mollo Building
One St. Andrew's Plaza
New York, NY 10007
Attn: Anti-Corruption Bureau

Andrew M. Cuomo Governor State of New York Executive Tower Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12224

The File

Mary Miller 207 West Broadway Inwood, NY 11096 (516) 612-4491

December 10, 2017

HEAVENLY HELPERS ROCK 1206 Leeds Street Utica, NY 13501 Attn: Theresa

EMMAS PREMIUM FOODS 162 Washington Avenue Edison, NJ 08817 Attn: ANTON

W.A. BEAN & SONS 229 Bomarc Road Bangor, ME 04401

OUTSIDE INMATE PACKAGE PROGRAM P.O. Box 130344 Brooklyn, NY 11213

KSR WEAR P.O. Box 7644 Hicksville, NY 11801

BARE NECESSITIES 511 Avenue of the Americas # 343 New York, NY 10011

To all concerned parties:

The NYSDOCCS has now implemented a new package policy. They have eliminated packages from home and have restricted orders to eight companies. None of you are on the list. I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum sent by NYSDOCCS to inmates at Green Haven. I am also enclosing a copy of the Civil Complaint filed by myself and another inmates' family member.

I would strongly advise you to contact your attorneys, and to file a third-party complaint for violation of the Dormant Commerce Clause, and the N.Y. General Business Law prohibiting monopolies and illegal restraint of trade. As soon as I receive the docket number from the Court I will send it to you under separate cover.

I hope you will join us in fighting this tyrannic, draconian policy.

Very truly yours,

Mary Miller
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Daniel Miller Din No. 15A3706 Greenhaven Correctional Facility P.O. Box 4000 Stormville, NY 12582

December 15, 2017

Anthony J. Annucci, Acting Commissioner NYSDOCCS
W.A. Harriman Campus, Bldg. 2
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12226

Thomas Griffin, Superintendent Greenhaven Correctional Facility P.O. Box 4000 Stormville, NY 12582

Re: New Package Directive 4911A/Pilot Program

Dear Commissioner & Superintendent:

This letter is submitted to advise your offices that some of our family members, my mother MARY MILLER included, have filed a federal civil rights complaint, and motion for a preliminary injunction and temporary restraining order. Upon completion of the IGRC process, I, along with others, will file a Third-Party Complaint against the new directive and the pilot program as well.

The complaint contends that the new policy is not racially neutral, and targets low-income and minority families, as well as violating the Dormant Commerce Clause and 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The complaint further alleges that the directive and policy illegally restrains trade and constitutes deceptive business practices and price gouging under the New York General Business Law.

Vendors such as BARE NECESSITIES, KSRWEAR, EMMAS PREMIUM FOODS, W.A. BEAN, OUTSIDE INMATE PACKAGE PROGRAM, and HEAVENLY HELPERS ROCK have been provided with copies of the complaint, and have contacted us. They are also in the process of retaining attorneys to enjoin this disgraceful abuse of power.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL MILLER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SUPERINTENDENT GRIFFIN, FDS COLLADO, DSS RUSSO

CC: HON. KENNETH M. KARAS, A.A.G. UVAYDOV, INV. BIGIT

HELEN CHARLAND, DISABILITY RIGHTS

FROM: DANIEL MILLER, 15A3706

SUBJECT: UNLAWFUL KEEPLOCK

DATE: DECEMBER 23, 2017

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I want this issue investigated, AND filed as a GRIEVANCE for RETALIATION, and I DEMAND to be removed from KEEPLOCK immediately.

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DANIEL MILLER

cc: IGP SUPERVISOR

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RE: RETALIATION

To all concerned parties:

I write you all today to document the latest in retaliation tactics employed by members of the Green Haven staff. Today, at 7:00 a.m., my cell did not open. I was given a feed-up tray and I was told I was "keeplocked" however, I never received a Misbehavior Report, nor was I informed of the reason for the "keeplock." A short time later, I was informed by C.O. Norriega

that "a Lieutenant wrote you up but I don't know for what." I did not question it any further.

At some point in the day, my mother, MARY MILLER, spoke with O.R.C. Grant. O.R.C. Grant, my Counselor, informed her that I was allegedly written a Misbehavior Report "some time last week," although she could not see any specifics of charges. This is bizarre since I have never received a Misbehavior Report to date, nor have I been "keeplocked" prior to this morning.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., while in the Officer's Console in C-Block, inmates Fields and Mazzio, along with myself, could hear a conversation between C.O. Rookwood and Seargent Katz, who was making his watch tour. The following colloquy took place:

KATZ:

So what are we doing with Miller?

ROOKWOOD:

Well, we going to keep him locked in for 72 hours, then we got something in the works!

I personally believe, although I have no hard evidence other than the conversations I overheard—along with others—that ROOKWOOD and KATZ are trying to come up with a false Misbehavior Report. The problem they have, is I do not do anything I am not legally entitled to do. As the Court docket is well-aware, this is not the first time I have been written a false Misbehavior Report in retaliation for filing grievances. In my previous letter to you, I explained that Seargent Katz already threatened me with a false Misbehavior Report alleged "Escape" using the times and dates of incidents committed by staff.

If it is indeed true that a Misbehavior Report was written last week, and I have not been served, nor has a hearing been commenced, then, the staff is already in violation of the departmental guidelines for hearings. If that is not accurate, then this is a clear ploy and a fishing expedition which serves no legitimate penological purpose. I have approximately 30 grievances filed, and I am indeed being subjected to retaliation for exercising my right to petition for redress of grievances as guaranteed by the State and Federal Constitution, State and Federal Law, and Departmental Directives. I therefore ask the Court to document this on the Court Docket, and to issue an Order directing my immediate transfer.

I thank the Court and the parties for their patience and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL MILLER

cc: O.R.C. Grant Lt. Hann

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Green Haven Correctional Facility

INMATE MISBEHAVIOR REPORT • INFORME DE MAL COMPORTAMIENTO DEL RECLUSO

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DATE AND TIME SERVED UPON INMATE

12/28/17 7:50am

NOMBRE Y TITULO DEL QUE ENTREGA

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FECHA HORA DADO AL RECLUSO

You are hereby advised that no statement made by you in response to the charges or information derived therefrom may be used against you in a criminal proceeding. ◆ Por este medio se le informa que no se puede usar ninguna declaracion hecha por usted como respuesta al crgoo informacion derivada de ella en una demanda criminal.

NOTICE **♦** AVISO

REVIEWING OFFICER (DETACH BELOW FOR VIOLATION HEARING ONLY)

You are hereby notified that the above report is a formal charge and will be considered and determined at a hearing to be held. • Por este medio se le notifica que el informe anterior es un cargo formal el cual se considerara y determinara en una audiencia a celebrarse.

The inmate shall be permitted to call witnesses provided that so doing does not jeopardized institutional safety or correctional goals. ♦ Se le permitira al recluso llamar testigos con tal de que al hacerlo no pondra en peligro la seguridad de la institucion o los objectivos del Departamento.

If restricted pending a hearing for this misbehavior report, you may write to the Deputy Superintendent for Security or his/her designee prior to the hearing to make a statement on the need for continued prehearing confinement. • Si esta restringido pendiente a una audiencia por este informe de mal compartamiento, puede escribirle al Diputado del Superintendente para Seguridad o su respresentante antes de la audiencia para que haga una declaracion acerca de la necesidad de continuar bajo confinamiento, previo a la audiencia.

Distribution: WHITE - Disciplinary Office CANARY - Inmate (After review) • Distribucion: BLANCA - Oficinia Discipliaria AMARILLA - Recluso (despues de la resion)

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